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Demonstration Notice:

Factory workers will begin a protest today at 1100hrs, police estimate there will be 100-200 people involved with this protest. The Factory workers begin their march across the street of the QBE building the pass in front of the Parliament building. The will continue on the street passing in front of the downtown McDonalds. They will turn right at intersection just past McDonalds and pass along the street in front of the Main Post Office building and turn left towards the Government Building. After the Government building the are expected to walk to the Nova Macedonia Building (across the EU HQ) and protest in front of the Ministry of Education.

A second protest today will occur at 1300hrs organized by the school workers. The protest will take place in front of the Ministry of Labor and Social Services. This building is located downtown next to the Plaza Hotel, next to the Vero entrance. The protestors are not expected to block traffic, the number of protestors is unknown at this time, however, the police are expecting a large numbers.

Both protests are expected to peaceful in nature; police will re-direct traffic as necessary. As with any large public gathering you should try to avoid the area if possible and adjust your routes accordingly.

Demonstrations take place in Macedonia from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any

demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

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